Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The history and culture of the United States has been and continues to be influenced by American Indians and indigenous peoples; and,

Whereas, The state of South Dakota shares its borders with nine unique and sovereign tribes including the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, and Yankton Sioux Tribe; and,

Whereas, These tribes and their members influence and contribute to the diversity and vitality of South Dakota communities; and,

Whereas, Native American Awareness Week began in 1976, and recognition was expanded by Congress and approved by President George Bush in August 1990 designating the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month; and,

Whereas, In honor of National American Indian Heritage Month, community celebrations as well as cultural, artistic, educational, and historical activities are encouraged throughout the state of South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 2015 as

AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State